

*To Celebrate the Life
of*

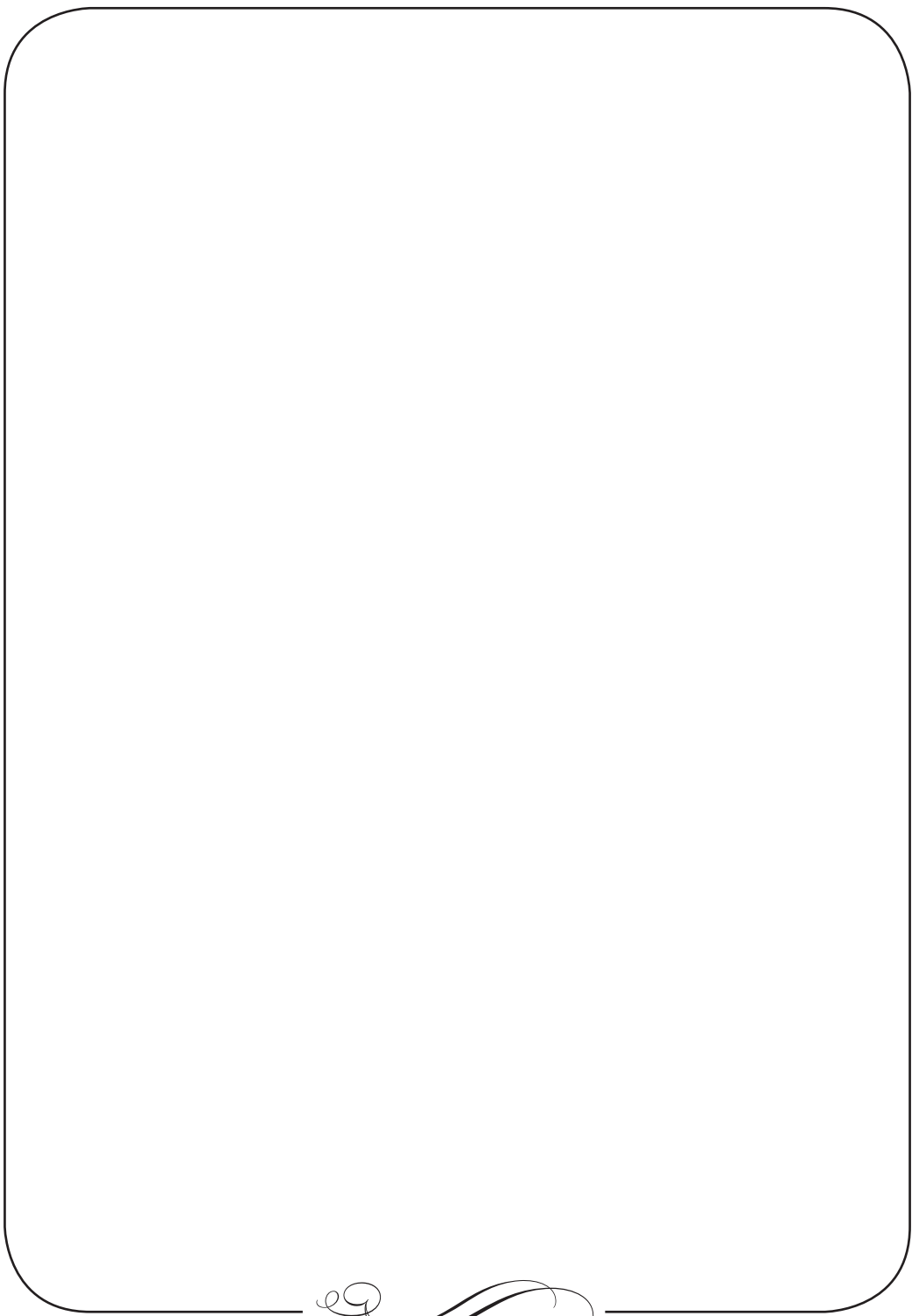


Malcolm Gelsthorpe

18th August 1956 - 7th March 2025

Sherwood Forest Crematorium
Friday 25th April 2025 at 12.00 noon





Order of Service

Entry Music

Lorsque vous n'aurez rien à faire from *Cherubin*
by Jules Massenet

Welcome



Eulogy

Thoughts and Memories

Quiet Reflection

Gymnopédie

by Erik Satie



Reading

In Blackwater Woods

by Mary Oliver

Look, the trees are turning
their own bodies into pillars
of light,
are giving off the rich fragrance of cinnamon and fulfillment,
the long tapers
of cattails
are bursting and floating away over the blue shoulders
of the ponds,
and every pond,
no matter what its
name is, is
nameless now.
Every year
everything
I have ever learned
in my lifetime
leads back to this: the fires and the black river of loss whose other side
is salvation,
whose meaning
none of us will ever know. To live in this world
you must be able
to do three things:
to love what is mortal;
to hold it
against your bones knowing
your own life depends on it;
and, when the time comes to let it go,
to let it go.



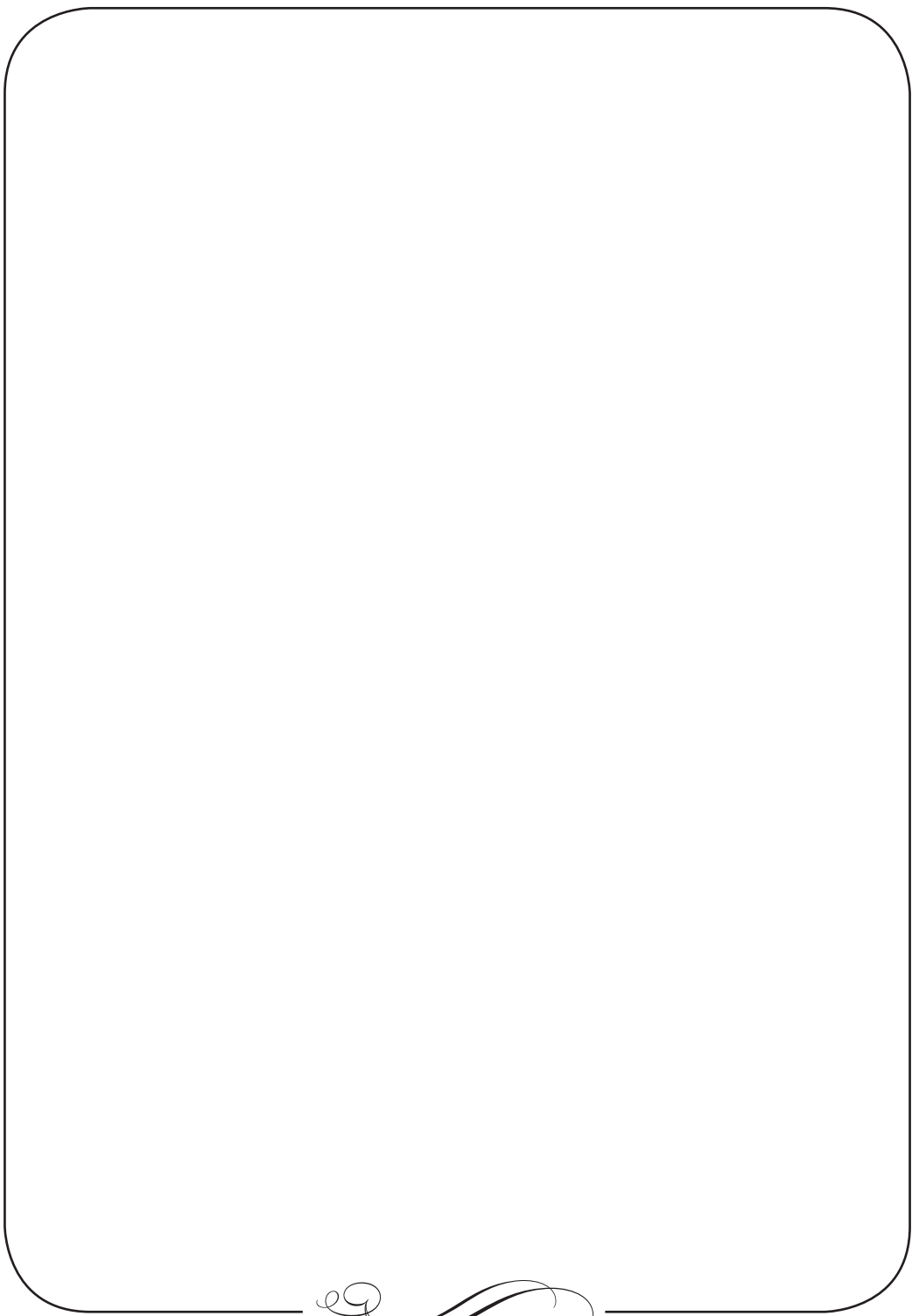
Committal and Farewell

May the long-time sun shine upon you,
All love surround you
And the pure light within you
Guide you all the way.

Exit Music

Northern Sky
by Nick Drake







*Be kind whenever possible.
It is always possible.*

Dalai Lama XIV

The family would like to thank everyone for their kind words and support at this sad time. All are welcome for light refreshment at the The Lansbury, 8 Church Street, Edwinstowe NG21 9QA.

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East of England Asbestos Patient Support Group
and

PIES (Partners In Education Swaziland)

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